

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended) A closure arrangement for a container comprising a bottle cap, a bottle neck, and a shrink sleeve, the bottle neck comprising

an opening at an upper end of the neck;

an exterior surface having a at least one cap engaging protrusion;

a circumferential ~~transfer ring~~ bumper roll disposed below the cap engaging protrusion,

the bottle cap comprising,

a circular cover,

a skirt depending from the periphery of the cover,

the neck and bottle cap being dimensioned to receive and engage said shrink sleeve after said shrink sleeve is brought into close-fitting contact with said cap and bottle neck; and

said shrink sleeve containing printing and/or coloring to signify the contents and/or the supply of said container.

Claim 2 (original) The closure arrangement of claim 1 wherein said neck is part of a blow molded bottle made of HDPE.

Claim 3 (original) The closure arrangement of claim 1 wherein said neck has first sleeve engaging formations and said cap has second sleeve engaging formations, said first and second formations cooperating with said sleeve to limit rotational motion of said cap after said sleeve is shrunk into engagement with said cap and neck.

Claim 4 (original) The closure arrangement of claim 3 wherein said first sleeve engaging formations comprise a series of radially inwardly formed indentations on the outermost periphery of said bumper roll.

Claim 5 (original) The closure arrangement of claim 3 wherein said first sleeve

engaging formations comprise a series of indentations on underside of said bumper roll.

Claim 6 (original) The closure arrangement of claim 3 wherein said first sleeve engaging formations comprise a series of projections extending outwardly from an outer surface of said bumper roll.

Claim 7 (original) The closure arrangement of claim 1 wherein said cap is injection molded without the use of any pigment or colorant other than white.

Claim 8 (withdrawn)

Claim 9 (withdrawn)

Claim 10 (withdrawn)

Claim 11 (withdrawn)

Claim 12 (withdrawn)

Claim 13 (withdrawn)

Claim 14 (withdrawn)

Claim 15 (currently amended) A closure arrangement for a container comprising a bottle cap, a bottle neck, and a shrink sleeve, the bottle neck comprising:

an opening at an upper end of the neck;

an exterior surface of the bottle having a at least one cap engaging protrusion;

the bottle cap comprising,

a closed end and an open end,

a skirt depending from the periphery of the closed end,

the bottle cap being dimensioned to receive and engage said shrink sleeve after said shrink sleeve is brought into close-fitting contact with at least a portion of said cap; and

said shrink sleeve containing printing and/or coloring to signify the contents and/or the supply of said container.

Claim 16 (original) The closure arrangement of claim 15 wherein said neck is part of a blow molded bottle made of a material selected from the group consisting of HDPE, Polycarbonate and PET.

Claim 17 (original) The closure arrangement of claim 15 wherein said cap has a label, and said sleeve, together with said label, substantially cover exterior portions of said cap.

Claim 18 (original) The closure arrangement of claim 15 wherein said container has a

neck, and said neck comprises first shrink sleeve engaging formations and said cap has second shrink sleeve engaging formations, said first and second formations cooperating with said shrink sleeve to limit rotational motion of said cap after said sleeve is shrunk into engagement with said cap and neck.

Claim 19 (original) A closure comprising: a closed end and a skirt extending away from said closed end defining an open end, a shrink sleeve carried by said closure, said shrink sleeve being partially shrunk into engagement with a portion of said closure, said shrink sleeve and said skirt defining a gap by which said skirt is at least partially spaced inwardly from said sleeve, whereby said skirt may expand upon installation of said closure onto a bottle without rupturing said shrink sleeve.

Claim 20 (original) A closure in accordance with claim 19 wherein said closed end is openable when said closure is inserted into a dispenser of liquid contained within a container to which said closure is applied.

Claim 21 (original) A closure in accordance with claim 19 wherein said closure is adapted for use on a 5-gallon bottle, and said shrink sleeve substantially covers the skirt of said closure.

Claim 22 (original) A closure in accordance with claim 19 wherein said closure has an area of enlarged diameter forming a protrusion on the exterior of said closure, said shrink sleeve being only partially shrunk and engaging said protrusion, said shrink sleeve forming a gap between said skirt and said shrink sleeve, whereby completion of shrinking of said shrink sleeve around said closure is adapted to be completed after said closure is applied to a container.